



Long Term Care Coordinating Council
Working Group to Develop a State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders

Legal Sub-Group

8:30-9:30 am

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Item Building

167 Point Street

Providence, RI 02908

1. Safe Driving in the Context of Caregiving for a Person with Alzheimer's Disease & DMV Safe Driving Practices and Protocols - *Rhode Island Department of Motor Vehicles*
 - a. Needs to be rescheduled – staffer unable to attend due to “staffing issues.”
 - b. Physical and mental fitness criteria for maintaining a license in Rhode Island are vague. There have not been regulations promulgated yet to outline the process for revocation of a license due to physical or cognitive impairment. This is a real area of need. The RI Disability Law Center has been working to get regulations promulgated for years.

2. RWU Law - Public Service Student Involvement:
 - a. Liz Tobin Tyler made a presentation regarding the possibilities that law students from the RWU clinic might be available to support the work of the Legal Work Group. There are a number of ideas being discussed around how to direct this work:
 - i. Medical Legal Partnership
 - ii. Know Your Rights Workshops
 - iii. Educate people at senior centers about advance directives
 - iv. American Health Lawyers Association – video with scenarios regarding advanced directives planning – Glenn will send links around to this video for consideration of a similar resource here in RI or using this as the reference.
 - b. Possible utilization of law students for the public education campaign around advanced directives.
 - c. Possible project for students around the research and recommendations piece of getting regulations drafted with and for the DMV around license revocation issues.
 - i. Tom Enright, Anne Mulready and Lindsay McAllister will meet to discuss this further.

3. The group then discussed a serious barrier in their environment, which is the need for volunteer guardians.
 - d. The consensus was that the Probate Commission needs to be reengaged to once again address guardianship for limited purposes (placement purposes).
 - e. There is also an issue of uniformity between cities and towns in the probate context that could use attention. This is another natural fit for the probate commission.
 - f. The RWU law students could be engaged to work on an information guide that would outline the guardianship process and options.
 - g. Financial abuse issues continue. This is a civil matter and members of the subgroup are seeing difficulties in getting the statute enforced.
4. Police Chiefs – Investigation of elder abuse cases, dealing with wandering, dementia training opportunities at the police academy; all of these issues will be discussed in upcoming meeting organized by Lt. Governor’s office. Lindsay McAllister will report back to the group on the outcomes and takeaways of this meeting.
5. The meeting was Adjourned